

Status of the CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An article for use with spherical vibration-control elements, wherein said article comprises~~es~~[[ing]]:

a ~~bottom~~ plate, wherein said ~~bottom~~ plate has a first major surface and a second major surface, and further wherein:

said first major surface comprises a number, n , of spaced wells;

~~said number, n , is between 3 and 25, inclusive;~~

~~a size of said wells[[,]]~~ **each define a circular opening** at said first major surface[[,]] ~~between 1/2 inch and 1 1/4 inches, inclusive;~~ and

said wells are suitably sized so that when they receive said spherical vibration control elements, contact between said vibration control element and said first major surface occurs at substantially every point along said circular opening.

2. (Original) The article of claim 1 wherein said number, n , is between 8 and 25, inclusive.

3. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 1 further comprising a top plate, wherein, in use with said vibration-control elements, said top plate is disposed above said ~~bottom~~ plate, proximal to said first major surface and distal to said second major surface.

4. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 3 further comprising a skirt, wherein said skirt depends from a marginal region of said top plate, and further wherein said skirt extends toward said ~~bottom~~ plate.

5. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 1 wherein said ~~wells have a shape that is physically adapted for receiving a vibration control element~~ **circular opening has a diameter in the range of between about 1/2 inch to about 1 1/4 inches.**

6. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 3 wherein said top plate and said ~~bottom~~ plate have the same shape, and further wherein said top plate is larger than said ~~bottom~~ plate such that said ~~bottom~~ plate fits within an area defined by said skirt.

7. **(Currently Amended)** The article of claim 1 wherein said ~~bottom~~ plate is acrylic.
8. **(Original)** The article of claim 3 wherein said top plate is acrylic.
9. **(Currently Amended)** The article of claim 1 further comprising a plurality of said vibration-control elements, wherein, in use of said article, said vibration-control elements are disposed in said wells.
10. **(Currently Amended)** The article of claim 3 further comprising a plurality of said vibration-control elements, wherein, in use of said article, said vibration-control elements are disposed in said wells and about a major surface of said top plate.
11. **(Original)** The article of claim 9 wherein there are fewer of said vibration-control elements than said *n* wells.
12. **(Original)** The article of claim 9 wherein said vibration-control elements are balls.
13. **(Original)** The article of claim 12 wherein said balls are resilient.
14. **(Original)** The article of claim 12 wherein said balls are selected from the group consisting of racquet balls, hand balls, paddle balls and squash balls.
15. **(Currently Amended)** An article comprising:
 - a ~~bottom~~ plate, wherein said ~~bottom~~ plate comprises ~~three or more~~ **a first plurality of** spaced wells, **wherein each of said wells defines a circular opening** in a first major surface thereof **of said plate**; and
 - a **second** plurality of vibration-control elements, wherein said vibration-control elements are received by ~~at least some~~ **but not all** of said wells, one vibration-control element to a well.

16. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 15 further comprising a top plate, wherein said top plate is disposed above said ~~bottom~~ plate and wherein said vibration-control elements are sandwiched between said ~~bottom~~ plate and said top plate.

17. (Original) The article of claim 15 wherein said vibration-control elements are balls.

18. (Original) The article of claim 17 wherein said balls are resilient.

19. (Original) The article of claim 18 wherein said balls are selected from the group consisting of racquet balls, hand balls, paddle balls and squash balls.

20. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 15 wherein said ~~bottom~~ plate comprises acrylic and wherein said vibration-control elements are resilient balls.

21. (Currently Amended) An article comprising:

a bottom plate, wherein said bottom plate comprises ~~at least three~~ a plurality of spaced wells in a first major surface thereof; ~~and~~

a plurality of resilient balls, wherein said resilient balls are received by ~~at least some~~ but not all of said wells; and

a top plate, wherein said top plate is disposed on said resilient balls, and wherein a surface of said top plate that abuts said resilient balls is planar and does not include wells.

22. (Original) The article of claim 21 wherein said bottom plate comprises acrylic and wherein said top plate comprises acrylic.

23. (Currently Amended) An article for vibration control, wherein said article comprises~~es~~[[ing]] a plate, wherein:

said plate has a plurality of wells that are disposed in a first major surface ~~and a second major surface thereof~~;

~~eight to 25 spaced apart wells are disposed in said first major surface;~~

each of said wells defines a circular opening in said first major surface of said plate, wherein said circular opening is ~~have a shape that is suitable for~~ receiving balls that have a diameter in a range of about ½ inch to 1¼ inches, inclusive, wherein, when received by a well, said ball does not contact a bottom of said well[[; and]]

~~at least three footers are disposed on said second major surface.~~

24. (Canceled)

25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

providing a bottom plate, wherein said bottom plate has more than four spaced wells in a major surface thereof; and

disposing at least three vibration-control elements in at least three of said wells, but not all of said wells, with one vibration-control element to a corresponding ~~one of said well~~[[s]].

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 26 further comprising disposing a top plate on said ~~plurality of~~ vibration-control elements.

28. (Original) The method of claim 26 wherein disposing said plurality of vibration-control elements further comprises selecting a property of said plurality of vibration-control elements as a function of a property of an audio component or video component that is to be supported by said vibration control elements.

29. (Original) The method of claim 28 wherein said property of said vibration-control elements is its relative degree of resilience.

30. (Original) The method of claim 28 wherein said property of said vibration-control elements is its capacity to support weight.

31. (Original) The method of claim 28 wherein said property of said audio component is selected from the group consisting of the weight of said audio component and type of audio component.

32. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein said vibration-control elements are balls.